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Hallo dear MMMonVHF friends,

please find below our latest NEWSLETTER from the VHF-DX-Portal
"Make More Miles on VHF" (www.MMMonVHF.de), dated 2012-05-02
We try to distribute our Newsletter, once a week on thursday;
if any special activity will make it necessary
we will inform you with Breaking News or a Special NL-Edition.
For further details please be so kind and look at our "News"-page
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php - you are welcome for any
input and we hope you will enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

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Latest NEWS and INFO for the NEWSLETTER
MMMonVHF The VHF-DX-Portal
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** Sporadic E season 2012 **

Based on data from recent years it is possible to expect the first
Sporadic E on 144 MHz in 3 weeks. Due to the fact that several
countries got acces to 70 MHz in the last months, we have another
detection tool for Sporadic E on 144 MHz.

In fact, last week we have seen Sporadic E on 50 MHz and also
on 70 MHz already.

As in earlier years, MMMonVHF will only report QSO's on 144 MHz,
no 50 MHZ, no 70 MHz, no BC broadcast.

To report QSO's you can use the form that is available in the ES-
section by ticking the SEND YOUR REPORT button. Users of VQ-log
can use a small app that is able to send daily ES QSO data from
your VQlog database to MMMonVHF.

We will try to publish reports and maps as fast as possible. Please
do not forget that your report WILL NOT SHOW UP INMIDIATLY but only
after each report is seen and processed by Frank, PA4EME.
There are so many types of logbook that it is almost impossible to
have a full automatic process. Please read this:

http://www.mmmonvhf.de/minibb/index.php?action=vthread&forum=11&topic=28

Each year I receive reports with wrong dates; please be carefull when
you are sending your report the day after an opening. A good log
only contains:

HH:MM CALL SQUARE

Mind the : in the timeframe
Look for the 0 (zero) and the O (oscar) in locators
The date is in top of the report so no need to write it again

Following this, you would help me a lot and with good reports I will
be able to create logs and maps within minutes and almostv realtime.

Spoken of realtime Sporadic E:

there are still many who have not heard of LiveMUF from G7RAU.
This is a musthave for serious ES hunters.
You can find it here:

http://g7rau.demon.co.uk/default.aspx?menu=5000&LOGINID=a&LOGINKEY=a

No program can work without correct input: a good formated spot
will trigger the right bells when needed so spot your ES-QSO on
the DX-cluster like this

12:00 144.300 PA4EME LZ2GM JO20WX ES KN32RL

the formated part JO20WX ES KN32RL is important!

The propagationtype is between brackets as kan be seen here:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/minibb/index.php?action=vthread&forum=11&topic=88

(the line will not shown correct in many mails as the used bracked are
also used to run HTML-code)

It is important to spot short skip 50 MHz and 70 MHz as these will
be good indicators for 144 MHz ES. Be aware that when 50 MHz looks like
to fade out, it can also be an indicator for short skip. It is possible
that a certain country or area does not allow 50 MHz (or 70 Mhz) or very
rural
uninhabited regions and in that case the band looks dead and suddenly
144 MHz
ES is there. For instance this happens in central Australia every season..
there are no premilary signs of Sporadic E before the MUF reaches wel over
100 MHz.

Good Hunting!

Source: Frank, PA4EME, editor Sporadic E section MMMonVHF

** Meteors in May **

The most prominent shower this month is n ï¿½ Aquariids, peaking May 05,
19h UT.
This shower, related to the rich stream associated with comet 1P/Halley,
is characterized by a broad maximum, sometimes with a variable number of
submaxima. Recent IMO analyses, based on data collected between 1984 and
2001, indicate that ZHR is generally above 30 hr-1 between about may 3-10.
The peak rates appear to be variable on a roughly 12-years timescale,
due to influence of Jupiter. According to this model, the most recent
highest rates should have happended around 2008-2010. Peak ZHR around
65 hr-1 is predicted for 2012. Please note that n ï¿½ Aquariids radiant is
above horizon (thus making the shower usable for MS) in Europe only
(approximatively) in very late night and morning hours. While southern
Europe stations will be able to ï¿½seeï¿½ the radiant till early afternoon,
in northern Europe skies the radiant culminates at reletively low
elevation so an observer is able to see the radiant for much less time.
Some daytime showers (? ï¿½ Cetids, peaking May 20th being the most
significant) will be also active this month; in addition to increasing
Sporadic Meteors background, they will provide good conditions for MS DXing.

Theoretical peaktimes for May meteorshowers can be found here:

http://mmmonvhf.de/ms.php

SOURCE: Massimo, IV3NDC, team MMMonVHF

Hi. Just to let you know, I've now stopped collecting meteor data until I can
find another reliable signal source.

Regards, Andy Smith, G7IZU.

Andy hope you find soon another signal source to keep this great service alive!
Thanks for all your effort.

MMMonVHF Team

** DL8YHR needs some help **

Frank, DL8YHR, needs some help with the manuals and schematics of a
144 MHz amplifier from Coens. This ampplifier is using a 3CX800 and
the advantage is that it is small which can be handy during some
expedition.

A picture can be seen here:
http://tomzurk.files.wordpress.com/2012/01/coens-3cx800-front.gif
Many thanks in advance!

SOURCE: DL8YHR

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HOT 144 MHz MS & EME DX-PEDITION NEWS - Pse do use:
http://www.mmmonvhf.de/latest.php
and use the FILTER for your personal wishes!
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** DXCC ZP: Paraguay; square: GG22; start 2012-05-05 **

Greetings from Paraguay,

If I feel okay after returning home from Asuncion on Thursday, I am
tentatively planning to operate 2m EME on Saturday May 5 from my
moonrise at 2045z through May 6 (Sunday) 0100z.

If I still feel good, I will come back on Monday May 7 at 0900z for 3
hours until 01200z. This opening should work for the U.S. west coast and
perhaps a little bit to Japan.

Frequency will be probably 144.114 and I will call first. I will be on
the N0UK logger.

If my plans change I will notify this reflector. I hope to work many of you.

73 de Steve ZP9EH (GG22BQ)

SOURCE: Stev

Greetings from Paraguay,

I apologize for being out of touch for the last 10 days or so. I have
been in the hospital since Sunday April 15 with pneumonia and heart
problems. I am better, out of the hospital now, but must remain in
Asuncion until May 2. We will need to look at EME conditions from May 5
on. I will probably not be able to operate for long sessions, so we may
need to plan for EU openings, W/VE east coast, and W/VE west coast
openings on separate days.

Thanks to all of you for your patience. As I have time I will answer
your personal messages.

73 de Steve ZP9EH

SOURCE: Steve, ZP9EH, to MoonNet 2012-04-25

** DXCC: TF: Iceland; square HP94; start 2012-04-20 **

TF3ML Portable operation from south coast of Iceland (HP94AC)

I will be on my specially built truck with large antennas,
high power on VHF and UHF and also on 50mhz, 70mhz and 28mhz.
Please look at my facebook site, there I will post my locator,
frequency and mode, which I will be operating.
If you have any requests on a special locator, I am completely
mobile. Send me a text or e-mail if you have any requests or
want to set up a sced. E-mail address: tf3ml@hotmail.com,
and mobile phone: 00354-8418311.

SOURCE: tnx to TF3ML direct to MMMonVHF

**DXCC: OH0: Aland; square JP90; start 2012-05-24

OH8K/0 will be qrv from JP90SF during the Nordic VUSHF-Meeting 2012

The plan from Jussi, OH6ZZ and Sami, OH9GDT will be to join the
Nordic VUSHF-Meeting at Island Aland during 24-27 Mai 2012
(http://vushf.rats.fi/)
They try to be qrv as OH8K/0 on 2m FSK/EME on 25-27 May.
QRG and more details will be spread later...

SOURCE: tnx to Jussi, OH6ZZ direct to MMMonVHF

**DXCC: 5X: Oeganda; square KJ60; start 2012-05-25

Moonbounce from Uganda, 5X1EME, KJ60GH

After some very successfull DXpeditions to the Gambia past year
(C56EME with 361 inits on 144 MHz, a worldrecord, and 11 inits om 432 MHz),
Bonaire (PJ4X) and Curacao (PJ2/PE1L), Rene, PE1L will now try again to
make
Moonbounce QSO's from Uganda on 144 MHz and 432 MHz. Uganda the pearl of
Africa.
This time Eltje PA3CEE will join the party again. He was also joining in
Kenya (5Z4EME 2009), Mauritius (3B8EME 2010) and the Gambia (C56EME 2011).
Don't change a winning team!
We will be QRV moonbounce 2 meter as 5X1EME, a special moonbounce permit
is requested.
If all ok we will have a small 70cm setup with us.

From May 25th (Eltjes birthday!) 5X1EME will be active
from Uganda on 144 MHz moonbounce. The locator will be KJ60gh, near
Kampala on the equator.

The plan is to leave May 21st and build up the station before the
weekend. It's just
the two of us but we know what we are doing. It's a hard job to get the
license there.
Callsign is still a bit insecure but we have good faith in obtaining
5X1EME.
We want to be active at least during two whole weekends when there is
good activity in combination with good moon conditions.
Last operation presumably June 3rd.

Internet possibility is unsure but we try to send at least once a day a
update via MoonNet,
MMMonVHF and our mailinglist.
If internet will be low, we will try (one way) communication through
Twitter: http://twitter.com/#!/PA3CEE and
http://twitter.com/AtleticoTeamExp in order to inform with short messages.

Frequency:
We always TX and RX 144.134 MHz
We use 1 minute periods and we will TX always first.

Setup:
2 x 8 Xpol yagi
400 watt amplifier and a low NF preamp (WA2ODO)

Welcome to Uganda moonbounce site! http://www.emelogger.com/uganda

This is our fourth DXpedition to Africa. Africa came into our blood.
We have to come back as often as possible. We can't resist....

SOURCE: Rene PE1L and Eltje PA3CEE direct to MMMonVHF

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Latest V/U/SHF DX-PEDITION NEWS and EVENTS - Pse do use:
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**DXCC: LZ; Bulgaria; square KN22; start 2012-05-05

During Memorial Pobeda 67 (from 08.00 UTC on 5th of May till 14.00 UTC
on 9th of May 2012) LZ1DX, Ned, will activate special callsign LZ67VZ
via EME on frequencies 432.144 MHz, 2320.144 MHz and 2304.144 MHz.
See: http://www.qrz.com/db/lz67vz for details.

To arrange SKEDs please write to lz1dx@lz1dx.org

All contacts will be confirmed 100% by the log via LZ QSL Bureau.

Special callsign LZ67VZ is devoted to the hero of the World War II,
the Bulgarian general Vladimir Zaimov

LZ67VZ operation (printing and sending QSL cards) is sponsored by
SILPA Ltd. - Video with general manager Krasimir Ivanov LZ2UW
(op. Krasi) who was graduated from technical college
"Vladimir Zaimov" in Sopot: http://www.pgzaimov.com - School Radio
Club LZ1KVZ

We'll take part in Memorial Pobeda 67, 5 - 9 of May 2012 -
Rules In Russian,
about PSK:
http://www.epc-ru.ru/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1156&Itemid=103

The operator's team will be: LZ1ADF Alex, LZ1BJ Boyan, LZ1DOT Valyo,
LZ1DX Ned, LZ1MC Slav, LZ1ZF Gosho, LZ2JR Boris, LZ2UW Krasi
and LZ3HI Emil.

LZ67VZ will be active on DigiModes DMC# 5525 DMC and EPC# 18090 EPC

LZ67VZ QSL's will be printed by Gold Print Service - LZ3HI

SOURCE: tnx to Maurice, F5NQL, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: SP : Poland ; square JO80 **

Hello everyone,

Because of the Global Astronomy Month 2012, a special call sign
SN2012GAM appear on the EME bands. We are going to work on European EME
Contest on 13cm. We are cordially invite you to take a QSO with this
special call sign, which will working form the EME Group Klodzko
(SP6OPN) station located in Poland.

73, vy
SP6JLW (Andy), SP3QFE (Armi)
and other operators of the EME Group in Klodzko (JO80jk).

SOURCE: Andrej, SP6JLW to MoonNet 2012-04-28

**DXCC: F; France; square JN18; start 2012-05-05

Maurice, F5NQL
On next week end for the Spring contest, on May 5 to 6, a team of at last

12 operators, all belonging to the PROVINS ARC, F6KOP, will be active as
: TM2A.
QRV on 144, 432, 1296, & 10 GHz, from Villeblevin, Yonne Department, about
110 km south east of Paris.
Locator : JN18OI

SOURCE: tnx to Maurice, F5NQL, direct to MMMonVHF

** DXCC: ??; square: ??; start 2012-05-17 **

ME-DXpedition 2012 de DL1YMK

The M&M-team is preparing the next EME-DXpedition, taking place in
May 2012. We will set out for our destination just after having
returned from the Swedish EME Meeting, organised by Lars, SM4IVE,
on the weekend 12./13th of May in Oerebro. We hope to reach our
destination in time and to get QRV on Thursday, 17th of May
(bank holiday in Europe) on 23 cm, followed by 70 cm on 18.05.
On Saturday, 19.05., we will be on 13 cm and on Sunday again on
23 cm. 13 cm will be run with a significant increase in power and
full 2424 MHz coverage. For the first time during an EME- DXpedition,
we intend to get also operational on 6 cm with our old, but proven
stressed dish and a new superb feed made by our friend Tommy,
WD5AGO. 6 cm will have an experimental character despite some 100 W
out, as we could not test so far, if the under-illuminated dish will
work up that high in frequency, so keep your fingers crossed!! Our
plan is to give it a try on Monday, 21th May. Also, we intend to
get active on 3 cm with a separate solid dish, which of course is
a lot smaller. Last weekend we made the first test with LX1DB, having
installed the dish in our garden place. The tests were not yet
satisfying, so our friend Willi right now is trying to help us out
with some substantial development aid!
During the DUBUS contest 26./27th of May, we will of course be
active on 23 cm in order to boost activity in the moonbounce contest
of contests. Our last day of operation will be Thursday, 31st of May.
A detailed schedule for the days from 21th May onwards predominantly
will depend on the progress with 10GHz in the meantime. Further details
to be published soon!! This years DXpedition will be the 9th
EME-DXpedition in a sequence for us. We hope to have fun all together
as experienced during past years DXpeditions.but this largely depends
on you.
Needless to say that it will be again a CW random event, although
doodle mode technically is possible (with a new laptop computer)
on request. We have no idea yet to what extent (if at all) i-net
access is feasable, though.

Vy 73, Michael and Monika

SOURCE: Moon mailing list ; Moon@moonbounce.info

**DXCC: 4X: Israel; square KM72; start 2012-05-17

2012 sees the first DXpedition by the group of Dutch radio amateurs

listed below to Israel, who, apart from making QSO's, look forward
to meeting local hams and visiting places of cultural and historical
interest.
We will be active from May 17th until May 30th
The first 6 days we will stay in Nes Ammim in the Northwest between
Nahariya
and Akko in KM72nx. From there we will travel to Rishon LeZion in KM71jw.

The members of the team during May 2012 are Jaap PA7DA, Loek PA9LUC and
XYL,
Hans PA0JBB and SWL Aad van den Nieuwendijk.
At this moment we don't have a 4X callsign and will be QRV according
CEPT-regulations with
4X/PA7DA and 4X/PA9LUC. We will operate mainly on 10, 6 and 2m.

More information on the PA7DA website!

SOURCE: tnx to PA7DA direct to MMMonVHF

**DXCC: GM: Scotland; square IO57; start 2012-05-16

Operators Allan GM3OZB, Barry GM3YEH, Bill GM3ZRT, John GM0DJG, Gordon
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and Declan EI6FR will be active as GM7WCO/p from St. Kilda Islands
(EU-059, Grid Loc. IO57), individual island not known at this time,
from 16-21 May, 2012. QRV on on HF and 6m using CW, SSB and possibly RTTY.
QSL via GM7WCO, bureau or direct.

SOURCE: [rsgbiota.org] via ICPO Bulletin (13-20 January 2012)

**DXCC: 9H: Maltha; square JM75; start 2012-05-26

Island of Malta qrv on HF and 50 MHz

Zoli, HA5PP, will once again be active from the island of Malta (EU-023,
MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113, CQ zone 15) as 9H3PP during the CQWW WPX CW Contest
(26-27 May, 2012). Plans are for a Single-Op/Single-Band entry, either
15m or 10m.
After the contest Zoli will focus on some 6m and 12m activity. QSL via
home call.

SOURCE: [NG3K] via ICPO Bulletin (03 - 10 February 2012)

**DXCC: xx9: Macau; square start 2012-05-12

Macau, XX9, qrv HF and 6 Meter

A team consisting of EA5BZ, EA5CEE, EA6DD, EB5BBM, F5VLY, EA1ACP, EA5FX, EA7FTR
and EB7DX will be active from Coloane Island, Macau between May 17-23, 2012.
They plan to be active from 6 to 160 meters (include WARC) in CW, SSB and RTTY
with at least 3 stations simultaneously in different bands and modes.
QSL via EB7DX.
Website: http://www.adxg.org/xx9/

SOURCE: EB7DX

**DXCC: N: USA; square EN91; start 2012-05-12

N8OFS/p qrv 2012-05-12 2300Z till 2012-05-13 0300Z from EN91or

The Rules for the 2012 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints are online...

http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2012-announcement-rules

I will once again be Broadcasting Live and Direct from the Big Caboose at
the beloved AC&J Railroad for the 6M Sprint... This will be my First of
Six trips to the Caboose for 2012... 50W from the Kenwood TS-60 to the
"DOMINATOR"(tm) at 28.5ft, parked and locked on 52.525FM from EN91or...

PeAcE...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CDaJ3qR4Q
Andy N8OFS GOT6??? GOT RAVE??? GOT FOOTY??? SMIRK#6737
The CrAzY 6 Meters FM only, sometimes found in a Caboose guy...

SOURCE: tnx to Andy, N8OFS, direct to MMMonVHF

**DXCC: VP9: Bermuda; square ? ; start 2012-05-07

Seppo,OH1VR/VP9, and Egbert,OH1ZAA/VP9, will be QRV in CW and SSB on HF
and 6m from May 7-13. QSLs via homecalls, OH1VR/VP9 only direct.

SOURCE: DXNL 1778 - May 2, 2012

** DEADLINE for your NEWS input to MMMonVHF**

... for your News (pse use: http://www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php)
to the next MMMonVHF Newsletter will be next wednesday 22.00 UTC ...

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The VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF - Newsletter Credits & Info
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like ON4KST-, RU-VHF-DX-Net, EA-V-U-SHF-Chat, N0UK-Chat and others.

** Many thanks to all our USERS who did send us info and news **

Wherever we found the info we always indicate the source of the
info. If you get knowledge of an expedition, which is NOT listed
at our VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF or if you have additional info for
an expedition, PLEASE be so kind and send us this info at:

** www.mmmonvhf.de/newsuser.php or www.mmmonvhf.de/contact.php **

The MMMonVHF-Team is always trying to spread any expedition info
as much up-to-date and reliable as possible and as long as the
info does not violate with our MMMonVHF-Policy ...

Have a lot of fun and enjoy the VHF-DX-Portal MMMonVHF!

73 de Lins PA3CMC and Frank, PA4EME
on behalf of the MMMonVHF-Team

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